GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
LOK SABHA

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PRIVATE PARTICIPATION IN COURIER SERVICE
Patil Shri Shriniwas Dadasaheb

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any plan for greater liberalization of the Post and Telegraph Sector in the country;

(b) if so, whether private sector participation particularly in the courier service would be essential;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether many State Governments have requested for liberalization of the Post and Telegraph Sector in the country; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a) Regarding Postal Sector, there is a proposal to amend the Indian Post Office Act, 1898, which is at a formulation stage.

(b) & (c) Do not arise in view of (a) above.

(d) & (e) In respect of Postal Sector, no such request from State Governments have been received.

Information regarding Telegraph Sector will be furnished shortly.